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Curtis Valley Sunday school

Review of 1980
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On Dec. 6, 1980, the Curtis Valley Sunday School conducted the Christmas party at the home of the superintendent, Mrs. Margaret Hamlyn. The weather was quite cold, but sunny with light snow on the ground. The home showed the usual hospitality, and with the decorations and lovely trees, it was a welcome to the members for the annual occasion.

The children enjoyed playing games, and seeing and playing with some of the pets. The lunch at noon displayed hearty sandwiches, a variety of nicely decorated cookies, besides things that make up a buffet lunch. Thanks was given before, by several of the children in unison, before filling their plates.

The children were anxious to receive and unwrap their gifts, which lay under the tree. They also received the red stockings filled with candy, nuts, etc. Ice cream cones and a nicely decorated cake were enjoyed, before departing for home. There were eleven present.

Easter and other holidays are observed during the year. Birthdays are observed. Temperance is stressed with posters, literature, and readings. Mission money is received each Sunday. This was sent to Children's Home in Alaska, Children's Home in Philadelphia, The American Bible Society and The Billy Graham Crusade. Each Sunday the children have a song and their memory verse.

The Sunday school observed the 200th anniversary of the starting of Sunday schools. A short history of its beginning was read by Debbie Hamlyn. Mrs. Verna Varcoe told of the beginning of Curtis Valley Sunday school, starting with a teacher's Bible class book, belonging to her grandfather, H.B. Curtis. This book was dated September 1866, which gave the names of ones living at that time, within several miles around. For a time the Sunday school was dropped, or held elsewhere. But about 1898, my mother Mrs. (F.H.) Rena Curtis and Mrs. (L. H.) Harriet Arnold started it going again. It has been going continually ever since. It was held in the school house until September 1955, when we had to vacate that building and started the present building. Mrs. Varcoe showed a scrapbook, of pictures with description underneath, which showed the new building in different stages of construction, as well as different ones connected with the building; also the pictures of those attending Sunday school each year.

One of the mothers of the children attending the school, painted a nice picture, with a scripture verse on it, and gave it to the Sunday school.

The lawn and janitor work is done by members. A husband of one of the members fixed the roof with tar and cement. Another member did some painting on the front. The Sunday school hopes to finish painting next year.

Children, as well as adults, are welcome to the Sunday school.

The officers and trustees remain the same.